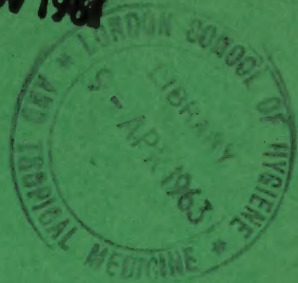


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To the Chairman and Members of the
Cranbrook Rural District Council.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1960. The Report is prepared on the lines indicated in the Ministry of Health Circular No. 1/61 dated 31st January, 1961.

During the year 198 Births were registered, and this compares identically with the number registered in 1959. The number of births per thousand of the population was 13.1 and this rate when corrected for comparison with other districts and England and Wales as a whole, was 13.6. The corresponding rate for 1959 was 13.6. The Birth Rate for England and Wales was 17.1.

The total number of Deaths registered was 213, being a slight increase in the number registered in 1959. The Death Rate per thousand of the population was 14.0. This rate, corrected for comparison with other districts, and England and Wales as a whole, was 11.1 as compared with 9.9 in 1959. The Death Rate for England and Wales was 11.5.

Six deaths occurred in children under one year of age, compared with 3 in 1959. The Infantile Mortality Rate was 30.3 as compared with 15.2 in the previous year. The Infant Mortality Rate for England and Wales was 21.7.

The Neonatal Death Rate (the number of deaths in infants under four weeks per 1,000 live births) was 15.2. The corresponding death rate for England and Wales being 15.6.

The Perinatal Death Rate (the number of deaths in infants under one week per 1,000 live births) was 15.2 compared with a rate of 32.9 for England and Wales.

Deaths from the various groups of Cancer numbered 30 during the year and this total included five deaths from Lung Cancer. The following table shows deaths from Lung Cancer during the last nine years:-

CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1960.
The report is prepared on the lines indicated in the Ministry of Health
Circular No. 1461 dated 21st January, 1961.

During the year 1960 Births were registered, and this compares
favourably with the number registered in 1959. The number of births per
thousand of the population was 15.1 and this rate when converted for
comparison with other districts and England and Wales as a whole, was 15.6.
The corresponding rate for 1959 was 15.6. The Birth Rate for England and
Wales was 15.1.

The total number of Deaths registered was 217, being a slight increase
on the number registered in 1959. The Death Rate per thousand of the
population was 11.0. This rate, converted for comparison with other
districts, and England and Wales as a whole, was 11.1 as compared with 9.9
in 1959. The Death Rate for England and Wales was 11.2.

Six deaths occurred in children under one year of age, compared with
5 in 1959. The Infantile Mortality Rate was 30.3 as compared with 17.5
in the previous year. The Infant Mortality Rate for England and Wales was

The Neonatal Death Rate (the number of deaths in infants under four
years per 1,000 live births) was 15.2. The corresponding death rate for
England and Wales being 15.0.

The Perinatal Death Rate (the number of deaths in infants under one
year per 1,000 live births) was 15.2 compared with a rate of 15.9 for
England and Wales.

Deaths from the various groups of Cancer numbered 30 during the year.
The total included 15 deaths from lung cancer. The following table
shows deaths from lung cancer during the last nine years:-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
1952	4	-	4
1953	5	-	5
1954	4	2	6
1955	5	-	5
1956	7	-	7
1957	6	-	6
1958	4	2	6
1959	1	-	1
1960	2	3	5

The Cancer death rate was 1.98 compared with 1.99 in 1959.

Tuberculosis.

Five new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during the year and four deaths occurred in patients who had already been notified as suffering from tuberculosis but only one of the deaths was attributable to this disease. The tuberculosis death rate was .07. One case of non-pulmonary tuberculosis was notified.

The Mid-Kent Mass Radiography Unit visited the Rural District during December and a summary of results of the visit can be seen in the table on page 13. I am indebted to the Medical Director of the Unit, Dr. G.I. Rees-Jones, for the information contained therein. It will be noted that 1,345 people, a disappointing number representing only 9% of the population, attended the unit. No active cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were discovered. Cases of inactive tuberculosis (where the tubercular disease contracted earlier in life had healed) discovered by the unit numbered 12.

I should like, once again, to stress that tuberculosis is an infectious disease and there are in the population a comparatively small number of undetected cases of pulmonary tuberculosis which are unknowingly spreading infection amongst their immediate contacts. The best safeguard against the perpetuation of this problem is the early detection of infection and the Mass Miniature Radiography Unit can, if adequately supported, play a very important part in this connection.

Infectious Disease.

The total number of notifications of infectious disease received during the year numbered 151, as compared with 113 in 1959. Of this total 56 were cases of Whooping Cough. Only six cases of Measles and two of Pneumonia were notified. The incidence of Scarlet Fever rose with a total of 23 notifications and all these cases were nursed in their own homes.

Dysentery.

An outbreak of Sonne Dysentery occurred at the end of the summer term in one of the local schools. In all, 47 cases were notified and this accounted for a major proportion of the cases occurring in the district during the year. When the school broke up for the summer recess the Health Departments for the area in which the pupils that had been affected resided, were notified for appropriate action.

Poliomyelitis.

I am pleased to report that no cases of poliomyelitis were notified from the rural district.

Arrangements for prophylactic vaccinations against this disease were continued throughout the year by the County Health Department and all people under the age of 40 were offered vaccination. The response in the younger age groups has been very satisfactory but I would appeal to persons in the 15-40 age group to avail themselves of the facilities offered either through their own private practitioner or through the clinics.

It is hoped that everyone in the priority classes will avail themselves of the vaccination offered against this crippling disease.

The table on page 15 shows the number of children and other persons who received a course of injections in the Rural District during the year.

Information regarding the number of persons receiving inoculations against Diphtheria and Whooping Cough and Smallpox vaccinations appear in the tables set out on pages 15 and 16 of this Report. These details have been supplied by the County Medical Officer to whom I offer my thanks.

Public Health (Infectious Disease) Amendment Regulations, 1960.

These regulations include Anthrax with the diseases which were made notifiable by the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) (Regulations) 1953. Accordingly, any medical practitioner attending on or called in to visit a patient suffering from Anthrax is required to send notification thereof to the appropriate Medical Officer of Health.

I am indebted to Mr. G. Longley, Surveyor and Chief Public Health Inspector for the details supplied in his report on pages 18 to 33.

Finally I offer my thanks to the Council, particularly the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee, to the Chief Officers for their valuable

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support and also to the staff of the Health Department for their loyal support and efficient manner in which they have performed their duties during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

P. A. CROWLEY,

Medical Officer of Health.

SUMMARY OF GENERAL STATISTICS AND PHYSICAL FEATURES.

AREA: 41,315 acres.

POPULATION: 15,160 (R.G's. Estimate, 1960) -
13,788 (R.G's. Census figure 1951).

DENSITY OF POPULATION: i.e. number of persons per acre: 0.37
NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES: 4,853
NUMBER OF PERSONS PER INHABITED HOUSE: 3.1
RATEABLE VALUE: 1960: £158,059
SUM PRODUCED BY A PENNY RATE, 1959/60: £620

BIRTHS.

Live Births (Registered)	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	184	93	91
Illegitimate	14	7	7
	<u>198</u>		
Corrected Birth Rate:	13.6		
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population:	13.1		
Corresponding Rate for 1959:	13.1		
Live Birth Rate for England and Wales:	17.1		
Stillbirths:	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	4	2	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>4</u>		
Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 births:	20.2		
Corresponding Rate for 1959:	10.1		
Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 Civilian population:	.26		
Stillbirth Rate for England Wales:	19.7		

DEATHS.

MALES: 83 FEMALES: 130 TOTAL: 213

Standardised Death Rate:	11.1
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population:	14.0
Corresponding Rate for 1959:	12.9
Death Rate for England and Wales:	11.5

Number of women dying in, or in consequence
of childbirth Nil

Maternal mortality per 1,000 total
registered births Nil

Total number of deaths from:	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960.</u>
Cancer (all ages)	30	30
Measles (all ages)	-	-
Whooping Cough (all ages)	-	-

INFANTILE MORTALITY

Deaths of infants under one year of age:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	6	3	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Deaths of infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births:	30.3
Corresponding Rate for 1959:	15.2
Infant Mortality for England and Wales:	21.7

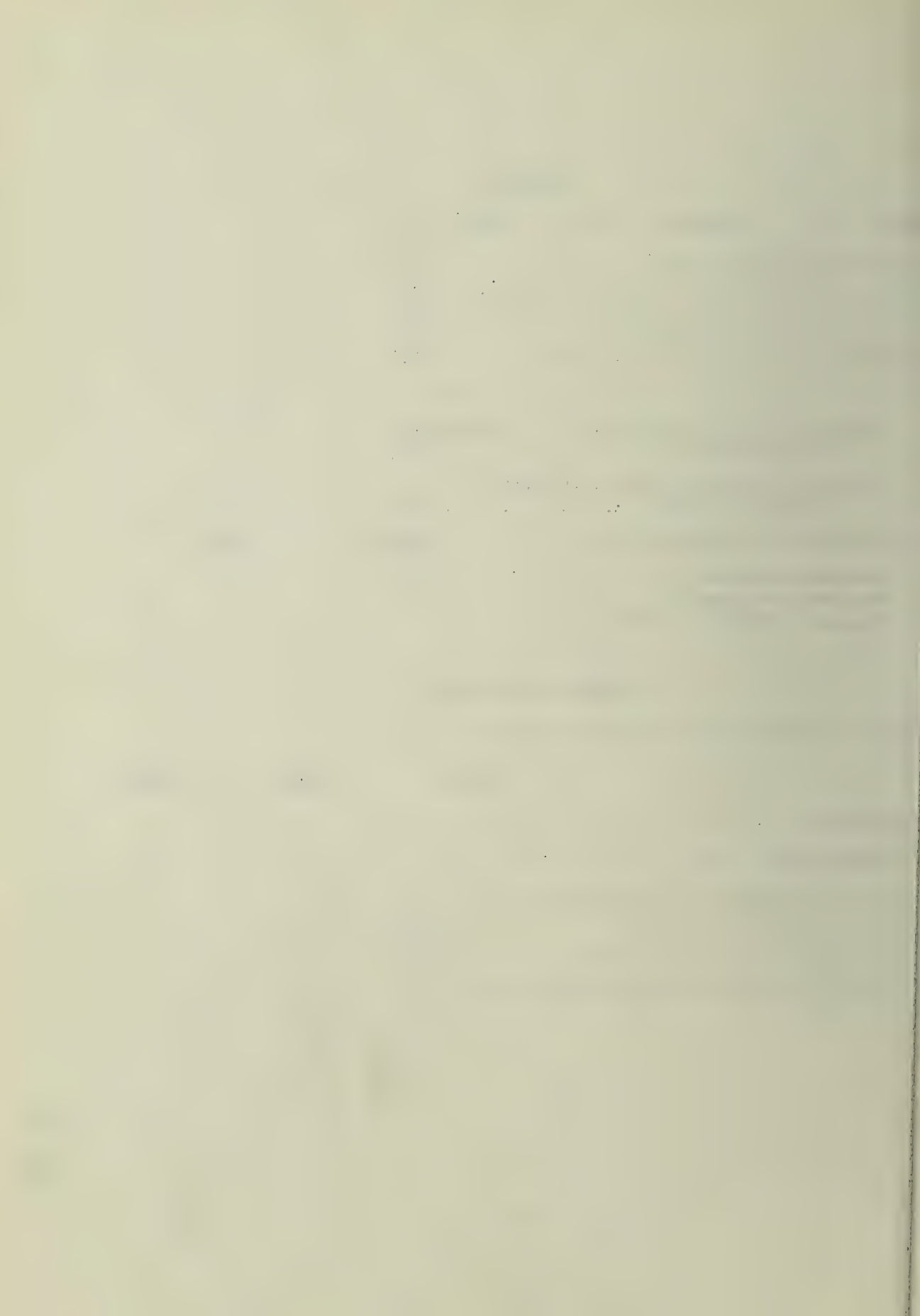


Table No. 1.

TABLE SHOWING SUMMARY OF CAUSES OF DEATHS DURING

THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1960

No.	Cause of Death	Male	Female	Total
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	-	1
2.	Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
3.	Syphilitic disease	-	-	-
4.	Diphtheria	-	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	-	-	-
6.	Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
7.	Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8.	Measles	-	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases ..	1	-	1
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-	2	2
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	2	3	5
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	-	-
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	5	5
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ..	8	10	18
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-
16.	Diabetes	-	-	-
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	9	27	36
18.	Coronary disease, angina	18	12	30
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	-	8	8
20.	Other heart disease	12	30	42
21.	Other circulatory disease	8	6	14
22.	Influenza	-	-	-
23.	Pneumonia	1	7	8
24.	Bronchitis	3	2	5
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	-	-	-
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-	1
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-	-
29.	Hyperplasia of Prostate	2	-	2
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-
31.	Congenital malformations	-	2	2
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases ..	11	9	20
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	3	-	3
34.	All other accidents	1	5	6
35.	Suicide	2	2	4
36.	Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
	Total all Causes:	83	130	213

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Table No. 2.

DISTRIBUTION OF NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN
THE VARIOUS PARISHES.

	Measles	Pneumonia	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Puerperal Pyrexia	Erysipelas	Dysentery	TOTAL
BENENDEN	-	-	-	8	-	-	2	10
CRANBROOK (including Sissinghurst) ..	1	-	10	43	2	1	2	59
FRITTENDEN ..	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
GOUDHURST (including Kilndown) ..	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	2
HAWKHURST ..	5	2	9	-	-	-	55	71
SANDHURST ..	-	-	1	5	-	1	-	7
TOTAL :	6	2	23	56	2	2	60	151

Table No. 3.

SEASONAL INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTAL
WHOOPING COUGH ..	34	15	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	56
MEASLES ..	-	-	-	2	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
SCARLET FEVER	1	4	7	4	1	-	2	-	-	-	2	2	23
DYSENTERY	4	2	-	-	-	-	47	-	4	3	-	-	60
PNEUMONIA	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
ERYSIPELAS	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
PUERPERAL PYREXIA ..	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
TOTAL ..	41	22	10	10	4	1	49	-	5	3	3	3	151

AGES, ETC., OF CASES OF NOTIFIED INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	TOTAL CASES (all ages)	Under 1 yr.	1 yr.	2 yrs.	3 yrs.	4 yrs.	5-9 yrs.	10-14 yrs.	15-24 yrs.	25 and over	Cases admitted to Hospital	Deaths (Inhab- itants only)
Acute Anterior Polio- myelitis :	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paralytic ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-paralytic ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Encephalitis:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infective ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Post-infectious ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever (including Meningo- coccal Meningitis)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria ..	60	-	2	1	1	-	9	39	7	1	-	-
Dysentery ..	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Erysipelas ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malaria ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles ..	6	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pemphigus Neonatorum	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
Pneumonia ..	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia ..	23	-	-	1	-	2	16	-	2	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid ..	56	2	3	6	6	6	27	5	-	1	-	-
Whooping Cough ..												
TOTAL ..	151	2	5	8	11	8	58	45	9	5	-	-

TABLE SUPPLEMENTED BY THE SOUTH EASTERN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL
BOARD BASED ON RADIOGRAPHY SERVICE SHOWING ATTENDANCE FIGURES FROM THE
VARIOUS DISTRICTS DURING THE VISIT OF THE UNIT.

Table No. 5.

CENTRE	MINIATURE FILMS TAKEN					ACTIVE TUBERCULOSIS			INACTIVE TUBERCULOSIS			CANCER OF LUNG		
	M.	F.	T.	Attending for first time		M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
				No.	%									
BENENDEN	87	103	190	72	37.8	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-
CRANBROOK	91	106	197	57	28.9	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
FRITTENDEN	32	42	74	58	78.3	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-
GOUDHURST	164	39	253	134	53.0	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-
HAWKHURST	145	148	293	121	41.2	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-
KIINDOWN	38	35	73	53	72.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SANDHURST	78	84	162	53	32.7	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-
SISSINGHURST	41	48	89	69	77.5	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
WINCHET HILL	8	6	14	8	57.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:	684	661	1345	625	46.5	-	-	-	4	8	12	-	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS.TABLE SHOWING NEW CASES, RECOVERIES AND DEATHSIN VARIOUS AGE GROUPS

	New Cases				Recoveries				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 5 years	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-14 years	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-24 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
25-44 "	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-64 "	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	2	-	-	-
65 and over	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	2	3	-	1	1	3	-	2	3	1	-	-

INTERNATIONAL VACCINATION CERTIFICATES.

During the year I countersigned 97 International Vaccination Certificates, authenticating the signatures of doctors in the Rural District, for persons travelling abroad.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

Number of children under the age of 15 years on 31st. December, 1960, who had completed a course of immunisation at any time before that date (i.e., at any time since 1st. January 1946).

Table No. 7.

Year of Birth	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	TOTAL
Last complete course of injections (whether primary or booster) 1956 - 1960	18	20	13	20	35	103	78	75	97	168	147	135	126	140	79	1254
1955 or earlier	149	205	184	195	155	118	113	97	81	5	-	-	-	-	-	1302

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION.

The following table gives (a) the number of second injections and (b) the number of third injections given during the year ended 31st. December, 1960.

Table No. 8.

Year of Birth	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943	1933 - 1942	Before 1933	Others	TOTAL
(a)	16	95	33	16	5	3	4	5	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	3	9	189	265	11	670
(b)	-	47	108	46	26	28	21	20	21	15	22	18	19	36	22	36	43	50	421	36	31	1066

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

The following table shows figures for 1960 of diphtheria and whooping cough immunisations and smallpox vaccinations based on record cards received by the County Medical Officer, County Hall, Maidstone.

Table No. 9.

Year of Birth	Diphtheria Immunisation		Smallpox Vaccination		Whooping Cough Immunisation
	Primary	Reinforcing	Primary	Reinforcing	Primary
1960	78	1	74	-	78
1959	111	-	74	-	104
1958	8	-	10	-	7
1957	4	-	4	-	3
1956	4	7	-	-	7
1955	4	36	1	-	5
1954	2	15	-	-	3
1953	3	9	1	-	1
1952	1	-	-	-	1
1951	1	2	1	-	-
1950	-	3	-	-	-
1949	1	1	1	-	1
1948	1	-	-	-	-
1947	1	3	-	4	1
1946	-	-	2	-	-
Before 1946	-	1	1	2	-
TOTAL	219	78	169	6	211

Table No. 10.

NURSING HOMES.

	Number of Homes	Number of beds provided for:-		
		Maternity	Others	Totals
Homes first registered during the year ..	-	-	-	-
Homes whose registrations were withdrawn during the year	1	-	16	16
Homes on the register at the end of the year	1	-	8	8
Homes exempt from registration at end of year	1	-	162	162

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

The Kent County Council Ambulance Service continued to be operated by the British Red Cross Society from the Vestry Hall, Cranbrook.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

I have pleasure in submitting herewith report of the work carried out by the Public Health Inspector during 1960, together with details of the sanitary circumstances of the district.

G. LONGLEY,

Surveyor and Chief Public Health
Inspector.

WATER SUPPLIES.

The district is well served by the mains of the Mid Kent Water Company and the supply, other than that in the parish of Frittenden is drawn from wells and bores in the Ashford Sand formation at Goudhurst, where it is treated to remove iron and manganese. During the year the Company laid a total of 5,866 yards of mains as follows:-

2" - 52 yds. 3" - 696 yds. 4" - 1554 yds. 6" - 2264 yds.
8" - 1300 yds.

Samples collected during the year were as follows:-

	Bact. Examination			Chemical Examination		
	No. of Samples	satis- factory	Not satis- factory	No. of Samples	satis- factory	Not satis- factory
Water Co's. mains	11	11	-	-	-	-
Private supplies piped to dwellings	4	4	-	1	1	-
Other supplies	4	1	3	-	-	-

The number of dwellings supplied from public water mains in each parish is given below. The approximate percentage of houses supplied by public water mains or other adequate supplies is 97.3.

	<u>With Piped Supply.</u>	<u>Supplied by standpipe.</u>
Benenden	547	-
Cranbrook	1,512	-
Frittenden	246	-
Goudhurst	864	-
Hawkhurst	1,214	-
Sandhurst	329	-
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PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS.

There are no public swimming baths within the district.

SEWERAGE.

The sewerage scheme for Frittenden was completed during the year.

Work has been commenced on the Sissinghurst Scheme, and at the end of the year most of the sewers had been laid. The Scheme has been delayed by the bad weather during the summer and it was not possible to commence the construction of the sewage works.

At the end of the year arrangements have been made to advertise for tenders for the main drainage scheme for Sandhurst, which is due to be commenced early in 1961.

HOUSING.

During the year 74 houses have been erected, 23 by the Council and 51 by private enterprise. In addition 4 new dwellings have been provided by conversion.

Discretionary Grants for improvements have been agreed for 38 houses, and in respect of conversion providing three new dwellings. Standard Grants have been agreed for 39 houses.

No clearance areas were represented during the year. Of the two areas represented at the end of the previous year, in one case (11 houses) the Council have purchased the site by agreement with the owner. In the other case a public Inquiry was held, and the letter giving the Minister's decision stated "The Inspector found that the three dwellings, Nos. 1, 2 and 3, West Road, Goudhurst, included in the Cranbrook No. 14 Clearance Area were unfit and he considered that demolition of all the buildings was

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the most satisfactory method of dealing with the conditions in the area. He found that although the three cottages had been kept in reasonably good repair, there were serious inherent defects which in his opinion could not be easily rectified and the dwellings were not capable of being put in order at a reasonable cost. He accordingly recommended that the Order be confirmed without modification and that well-maintained payments should be made in respect of all three dwellings".

"The Minister has given careful consideration to the arguments put forward both by the objectors and the Council at the Inquiry and to the written representations made by another objector, the occupier of No. 3, West Road who did not appear at the Inquiry".

"Whilst the Minister is satisfied that the houses are unfit, he does not consider that demolition is the right method of dealing with the property. He considers that the owners should be given an opportunity to submit proposals to the Council to render the houses fit for habitation and in this connection, I am to draw the Council's attention to the powers available under the provisions of Part II of the Housing Act, 1957, for dealing with this."

Two individual houses were represented to the Council as being unfit and incapable of repair at a reasonable cost, and undertakings were given by the owner as to their future use.

Four undertakings given in previous years were cancelled as the dwellings have been renovated and brought up to standard.

The following tables give a summary of quarterly returns made in respect of housing work:-

CLEARANCE AREAS AND INDIVIDUAL UNFIT HOUSES.

Table No. 10.

A. Houses Demolished.

In Clearance Areas	Houses demolished	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation	34	8	3
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement etc.	-	-	-
(3) Houses on land acquired under Sec. 43(2) Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-

A. Houses Demolished (Continued).

In Clearance Areas	Houses demolished	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
Not in Clearance Areas			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Sec. 17(1) Housing Act, 1957	-	13	4
(5) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	-	-	-
(6) Houses unfit for human habitation where action taken under Local Acts	-	-	-
(7) Unfit houses included in unfitness Orders	-	-	-

B. Unfit houses closed.

	No.	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
(8) Under Secs. 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957	7	13	8
(9) Under Secs. 17(3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957 ..	-	-	-
(10) Parts of buildings closed under Sec. 18 Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-

C. Unfit Houses made fit and Houses in which defects were remedied.

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(11) After informal action by Local Authority	134	-
(12) After formal action under:		
(a) Public Health Acts	-	-
(b) Secs. 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957	-	-
(13) Under Sec. 24, Housing Act, 1957 ..	-	-

D. Unfit Houses in Temporary Use (Housing Act, 1957).

	No. of Houses	No. of separate dwellings
(14) Retained for Temporary accommodation:		
(a) Under Sec. 48	-	-
(b) Under Sec. 17(2)	-	-
(c) Under Sec. 46	-	-
(15) Licensed for temporary occupation under Secs. 34 or 53	-	-

E. Purchase of Houses by Agreement.

	No. of Houses	No. of Occupiers
(16) Houses in Clearance Areas, other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders of Compulsory Purchase Orders, purchased in the year	14	29

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

The total number of food premises in the area is classified as follows:-

Bakehouses	8
Ice cream manufacturers	-
Ice cream retailers	58
Dairies	5
Butchers	13
Sausage manufacturers	13
Restaurants and cafes	25
Grocers	41
Confectioners	19
Greengrocers	6
Fish Shops	4
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Number of visits to food premises (other than slaughterhouses)	268

Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

The number of premises registered under Section 16 is as follows:-

Premises used for sausage making	13
" " " Manufacture of ice cream	-
" " " sale and storage of ice cream	58
Number of inspections of these premises	96

Milk Supply.

As from the end of 1960 dealers licences in respect of milk supplied under Special Designation will be issued by the Kent County Council as Food and Drugs Authority in accordance with the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960.

Licences issued by the District Council expiring at 31st December, 1960, were as under:-

Dealers Licences:-	Pasteurised milk	10
	Sterilised milk	7
	Tuberculin tested	6
	T.T. (pasteurised)	-

Number of distributors of milk in the District	16
Number of Dairies (excluding farms)	5
Number of shops selling bottled milk	10

Four samples of pasteurised milk were taken, and all were satisfactory.

Three samples of tuberculin tested milk were collected, two of which were satisfactory, and one failed to pass the prescribed test.

Six samples of milk were submitted to the biological test, four gave negative results, the other two showed evidence of infection with *Brucella abortus*.

Ice Cream.

There is no manufacturer of ice cream in the district. Fifty-eight premises are registered for the sale of ice cream and supplies are obtained mainly from four large manufacturers with nation wide sales. The three samples collected during the year were all entirely satisfactory (Grade 1).

Meat and Other Foods.

The slaughtering in the district is normally carried out at regular times, and all animals killed are inspected.

The following table gives particulars of the work of the slaughter-houses and the results of inspection:-

SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

TABLE OF CARCASSES INSPECTED AND FOUND UNFIT.

Table No. 11.

	Cattle exclud- ing Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	160	-	31	329	292	-
Number inspected	160	-	31	329	292	-
All diseases except Tubercul- osis and Cysticerci:-						
Whole carcasses found unfit	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was found unfit	13	-	-	1	3	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuber- culosis and Cysticerci ..	8.1%	-	-	0.3%	1.0%	-
Tuberculosis only:-						
Whole carcasses found unfit	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was found unfit	-	-	-	-	3	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	1.0%	-
Cysticercosis:-						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was found unfit	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	1	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally unfit	-	-	-	-	-	-

The total weight of unsound food surrendered during the year was:-

	cwts.	qtrs.	lbs.
Tinned foods	1.	1.	13.
Meat	2.	0.	4.
	3.	1.	17.

Slaughterhouses Act, 1958.

In July 1960, a report was made to the Public Health Committee on the six slaughterhouses in the district, listing the matters in which they fell short of the construction regulations. Subsequently on the 22nd August in accordance with the requirements of the Act, a meeting was held between representatives of the meat trade and members of the Council for a joint discussion on slaughtering facilities in the district.

On the 5th September a Report on Slaughterhouse Facilities was presented to the Public Health Committee and this, after revision of the paragraph on review of facilities was adopted for submission to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, as follows:-

"SLAUGHTERHOUSES ACT, 1958.

Report on Slaughterhouse Facilities.

Introduction.

In accordance with the Slaughterhouses Act, 1958, the Council are required to review, and after consultation with such organisations as appear to the authority to represent the interests concerned, to report to the Minister on:-

- (a) the existing and probable future requirements of their district for slaughterhouse facilities having regard to the needs both of persons requiring the use of such facilities and of other persons; and
- (b) the slaughterhouse facilities which are, or are likely to become, available to meet those requirements (including any port slaughterhouse).

The Rural District has an area of 41,315 acres, and an estimated population of 15,100. There is no Borough or Urban District situated within the district boundaries, and the nearest towns are Tunbridge Wells,

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Maidstone, Ashford and Hastings, these being situated approximately 16, 15, 19 and 19 miles respectively from Cranbrook.

There are six parishes, Cranbrook, Benenden, Frittenden, Goudhurst, Hawkhurst and Sandhurst, and there is at present one slaughterhouse in each of the first five of these parishes, and also one in the village of Sissinghurst which lies within Cranbrook Parish. These slaughterhouses are attached to butchers' shops and slaughtering is done only for the needs of the occupier. There is no public slaughterhouse in the district.

Consultations.

A meeting was held on the 22nd August, 1960, at which members of the Council invited licensees of all slaughterhouses in the district, representatives of the Maidstone Master Butchers Association, and representatives of the N.F.U. to attend, and at the meeting representatives of the M.M.B.A. were present, and also representatives of four of the licensees.

Classification of Slaughterhouses.

(i) Premises which already comply with all the requirements of the construction regulations	-
(ii) Premises in use which the authority expect to comply by the recommended date	5
(iii) Premises in use which the authority expect <u>not</u> to comply by the recommended date	1
(iv) Premises not in use for which a licence is in force or was in force at some time during the 12 months preceding the submission of the report	-
(v) Outstanding applications for new slaughterhouse licences	-

One slaughterhouse is not expected to comply by the recommended date, as the licensee does not propose to carry out the necessary requirements, and considers the slaughterhouse itself is too near his living accommodation.

The Council does not propose to erect a public slaughterhouse.

Review of facilities.

It is considered by the Council that the present facilities for slaughtering are adequate, and this view was endorsed at the trade interest meeting referred to previously, held on the 22nd August, 1960.

Recommended day.

It is considered that the full constructional regulations should be brought into force by 1st January, 1963, it being considered on reference

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to the trade, that this will give time for stunning pens to be installed, and all necessary works to be carried out.

The Report has since been accepted by the Minister, and the 1st January, 1963, has been appointed as the day for which all slaughterhouses in the district must comply with the construction regulations.

HOP PICKERS' CAMPS.

The usual inspection of hop pickers' camps was made, although the number of camps and pickers continue to decrease as more use is made of hop-picking machines.

It is noticeable that the general standard of the camps remaining has much improved, and in particular latrines are kept in much better condition than was the case a few years ago.

The health of the pickers was again good, no cases of infectious disease being notified.

The approximate number of camps and huts was as follows:-

	<u>Camps</u>	<u>Huts</u>
Benenden	6	80
Cranbrook	12	345
Frittenden	9	190
Goudhurst	29	1,439
Hawkhurst	12	278
Sandhurst	7	75
	<u>75</u>	<u>2,407</u>

DESTRUCTION OF RATS AND MICE.

The following are particulars of the inspections made and work carried out by the Rodent Operator:-

	<u>Rats</u>	<u>Mice</u>
Number of complaints received	46	8
" " premises infested	180	20
" " infestations found as a result of routine enquiries	45	-

Number of premises disinfested:-	<u>Rats</u>	<u>Mice</u>
(a) dwellings and schools	161	17
(b) Council properties (sewerage works, Refuse tips, etc.)	9	3
(c) food premises	-	-
(d) other premises	3	-
Total number of visits	441	47

ERADICATION OF INSECT PESTS.

Details of action carried out by the Rodent Operator under the supervision of the Public Health Inspectors, for dealing with insect pests, are as follows:-

	<u>Number</u>
<u>Fleas.</u>	
Premises disinfested	5
Visits	5
<u>Bugs.</u>	
Premises disinfested	-
Visits	-

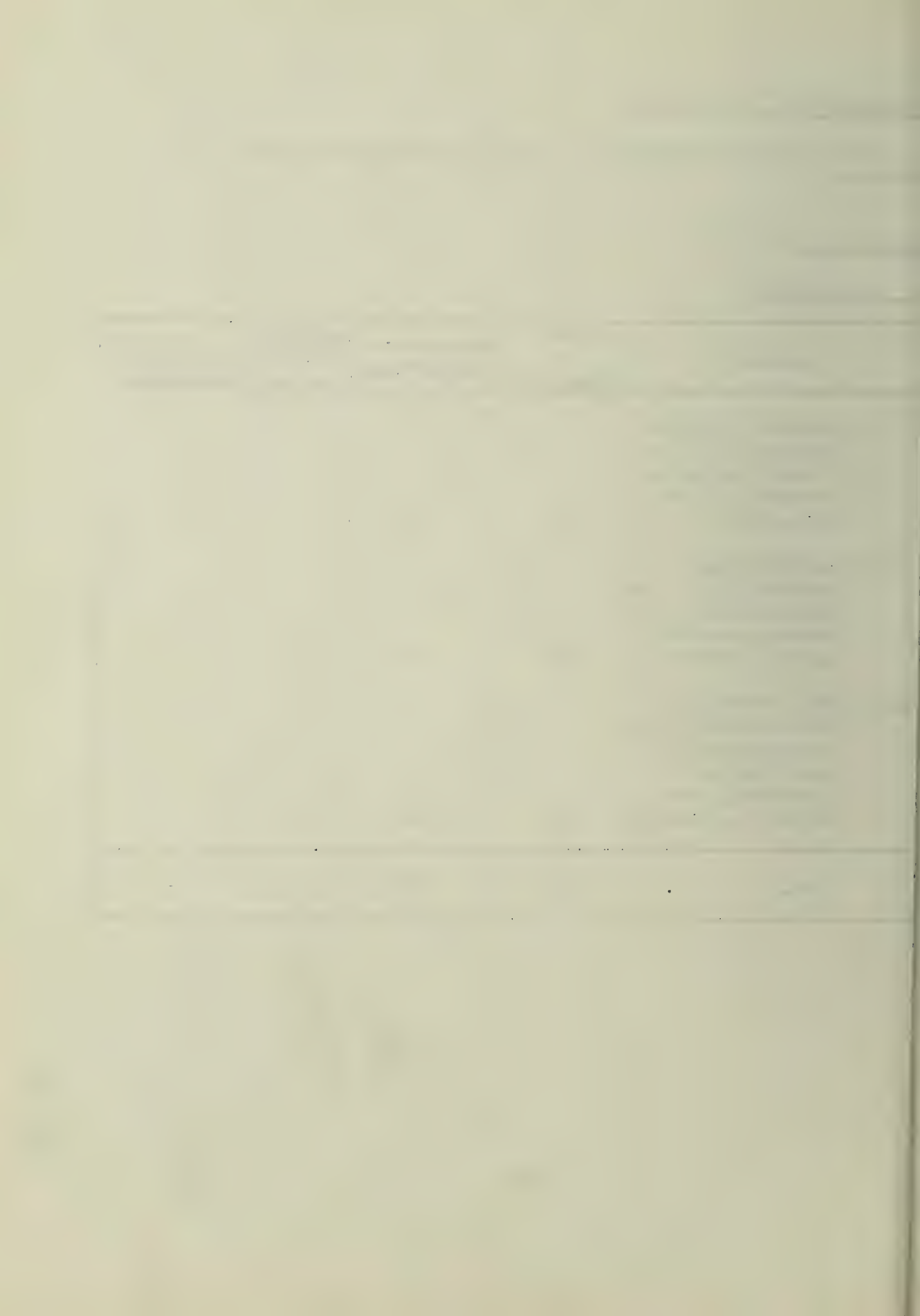
FACTORIES ACT, 1937 - 1959.

The following information is given regarding inspections of factories:-

Table No. 12.

1. Inspections.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ..	21	18	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	72	71	2	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	60	109	-	-
Total:	153	198	2	-



2. Cases in which defects were found:

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	6	6	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2) ..	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S.7):					
(a) Insufficient ..	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	6	6	-	2	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	-	-	-	-	-
Total:	12	12	-	2	-

Summary of Inspections etc., carried out during the year:

	<u>Number</u>
Visits to Bakehouses	19
" " Butchers' shops	82
" " Dairies	12
" " Ice Cream premises	34
" " Licensed premises	19
" " Restaurants and kitchens	71
" " Slaughterhouses	177
" " Other food premises	31
" " Theatres, Cinemas, etc.	8
Visits to Baths	6
" " Moveable dwellings	34
" " Factories	198
" " Stables	-
" " Streams and ponds	9
" " Verminous premises	15
Visits re Infectious diseases	30
" " Insects and various pests	40
" " keeping of animals	17
" " offensive trades	6
" " overcrowding	2
" " rat/mice infestation	27
" " Shops Act	12
" " smoke nuisance	14
" " water supply	21
" " Hop-pickers' Camps	122
Houses disinfected	8
" disinfested	5
Smoke tests to drains	3
Water tests to drains	53
Informal notices served on houses	109
Houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action	134
Formal notices served re houses	-
" " complied with by owner	-
" " " " occupier	-
" " " " Local Authority in default	-

Table No. 13.

RAINFALL.

The monthly figures for rainfall recorded at the Council's Sewage Works at Cranbrook are set out below:-

	Rainfall	No. of days on which a measurable quantity fell
January	2.85	20
February	2.48	15
March	2.41	13
April	0.80	9
May	2.15	7
June	1.60	12
July	3.45	22
August	4.92	23
September	4.70	15
October	8.09	23
November	7.04	26
December	3.78	28
TOTAL:	44.27	213

RAINFALL.

The monthly figures for rainfall recorded at the General's
Gauge Works at Cranbrook are set out below:-

No. of days on which a measurable quantity fell	Rainfall	
20	2.82	January
12	2.48	February
13	2.41	March
9	0.80	April
7	2.12	May
12	1.60	June
22	3.42	July
23	4.92	August
12	4.70	September
23	8.09	October
26	7.04	November
28	3.78	December
212	44.27	TOTAL